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NOVEMBER 1992 NEWSLETTER OF EDMONTON'S GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

CENTRE NEWS

Dear Members;

Some very exciting events at the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre in the next few months continue to help us move closer to being your Centre and the centre of the community.

The Rocky Mountain Singers will be in Edmonton on November 28th at 8:00 p.m. at Convocation Hall in the Old Arts Building on the University of Alberta campus. They will be performing with Edmonton's own Vocal Minority. On November 29th at 10:30 a.m. at The Inn on Seventh, the Centre will be hosting the Rocky Mountain Singers at a brunch which is open to all community members. Please plan on attending both functions. (Thank You David H. for all your hard work!!)

The GLCCE counselling course continues to train new volunteers to help with our peer-support services. We have sixteen new faces with a nice mix of womyn and men. Congratulations Keith and Cheryl for a job well done.

As you may know, the Centre is about to make a "big move"! We will be opening our doors to a larger more functional space in the downtown area in November. We are currently negotiating but hope to sign real soon. We look forward to seeing you at our new space.

On behalf of the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre, and all its members, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Michael Phair on his recent win in the municipal election. Michael and his campaign workers did a fabulous job of spreading the word about the wonderful things Michael has done and continues to do. Ward 4 and all its residents are very lucky to have Alderman, Michael Phair representing them on council. As one of Michael's supporters shouted the night of his victory ... "Thank You Michael for making gay history!", Thank You Indeed.

The Centre continues to move towards serving you better. Please let us know what you would like to see happen and how we can help meet your needs. We value your input.

Thank you for your continued support.
Sincerely;
John Iocchelli
Chair, GLCCE

NEWSLETTER

We invite your submission of articles, poems, reviews, editorials, etc. Submissions to the Newsletter should be dropped off at the Community Centre at 9917-112 Street, by the 15th of every month to be included in the next edition. Please address any items to Keith T.

Please put your name and phone number on all submissions so we may contact you if necessary. Names will not be published unless specified.

If you are interested in writing for the newsletter, helping with stuffing envelopes, working on layout, etc., please contact Keith at the Centre, 488-3234, and leave a message.

AIDS AWARENESS WEEK A BIG SUCCESS

Events during Edmonton's AIDS Awareness Week (October 5 - 11, 1992) proved to be a huge success. The Walk for Life saw approximately 600 walkers raise close to $70,000! Proceeds go to the three AIDS organizations in Edmonton - AIDS Network, The Feather of Hope and the Edmonton People Living with AIDS/HIV Society. Thanks very much to Power 92 radio station for their tremendous support.

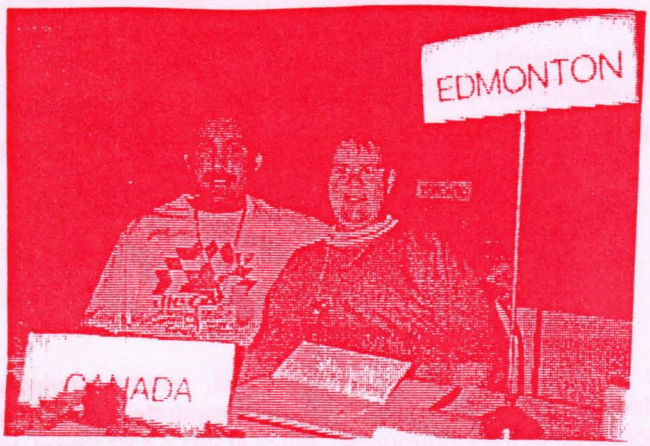
The Gay Men's Outreach Crew sponsored a Safer Sex Casino at the Roost Rumpusroom. Over 70 people registered to gamble away their phoney money. Prizes were awarded to the people with the most "money" at the end of the night. The Grand Prize was a weekend at the Renford on 5th in the Jacuzzi Room. A good time was had by all!

Other events during the week included an AIDS Vigil of Prayer, several documentaries on ACCESS Network, the Fourth Annual Candlelight Walk and an Eroticizing Safer Sex Workshop. Thanks to everyone who helped out with events. Your continued support is appreciated.

'Ive known gay and lesbian people all my life .... Some of my most brilliant teachers and some of my classmates were gay. They were just a part of the community of people. I think that is what is important to understand.

Jesse Jackson, 1988

Pride Conference



The International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators Conference was just held on October 9-11, 1992. The Conference was attended by Cheryl Shepherd and Dave Hicks, the Pride Coordinators for Edmonton 1993 Pride Week.

The purpose of the Conference is to promote lesbian and gay pride on an international level, empower and support local and regional organizations in their efforts planning Pride Celebrations, networking and sharing information through workshops and seminars.

Long Beach Pride sponsored the attendance of Dave and the American Human Rights Commission sponsored Cheryl.

They tell us they have lots to tell and we will look forward to a report in our next newsletter in November.

THE CHOSEN FAMILY
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Willow Wood
Great Moments in Lesbian History
I wanna lick your jawline wanna
I wanna hamburger wanna big hunk of steak... My God!! She's making me crazy!
I wanna sing you a love song wanna rock you in my arms all night long
Holy cow!!
Cool!

I've seen too many men who are unfulfilled human beings because they have a distorted sense of what it means to be a man. True fulfillment as a human being comes when each of us is able to recognize the masculine and feminine within ourselves .... That's one of the enormous contributions the strong gay movement can make.

Jane Fonda, 1976

Reader's Corner

You're browsing through a second-hand book store
And you see him in non-fiction "V" through "Y".
He looks up from World War Two and you catch him catching you catching his eye.
And you quickly turn away, a wistful stare, and you take a second interest in your shoes.
If you only had the courage but you don't.
He turns, and leaves, and you both lose.
Then you think about the people you never get to love.
It's not as if you even had the chance.
So many worth the second chance -- but rarely do you get the second glance.
Until fate cuts in on your dance --
And you see him on a train that you just missed,
At a bus stop where your bus will never stop,
Or in a passing Buick when you've been pulled over by a traffic cop,
Or you'll share an elevator, just you two, and you'll rise in silence to your floor
Like the fool you are you get off, and he leaves you life behind.
A closing door and you think about the people that you never get to love, the poem you intended to begin.
The saddest words that anyone has ever said are
"Lord, what might have been?"
But no one said you get to win
Still you're never going to miss what you don;t know
And you never know who you'll meet at half past three.
It could be a total stranger, exactly like me
One of the people you never get to love.

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Between You and Me

We have never touched.
though our touches would be soft,
And we have never kissed,
though our kisses would be sweet,
And we will never love,
in the physical sense of loving,
But,still, we always give the cherished gift,
When minds touch,
and eyes kiss,
and souls love,
for we will always be friends.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN SINGERS

Last June, Rocky Mountain Singers celebrated the closing of their third season of music with two extraordinary concerts. The first, in Calgary's University Theatre, featured the Vancouver Men's Chorus and was attended by almost 500 people. The second, in Denver's Centre for the Performing Arts, was part of the (GALA) Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses Festival IV, attended by 3500 singers and more than 60 choruses.

Rocky Mountain Singers was the first mixed women's and men's chorus to join the GALA Network from outside the U.S.A. Today eight Canadian choruses belong: Vancouver (3), Calgary, Saskatoon, Toronto, Ottawa (2) and Halifax. From the first rehearsal in 1989 when fewer than a dozen people came, to the beginning of their fourth season in autumn 1992 when more than 40 members joined, the Rocky Mountain Singers have reached for excellence in music. They sing songs about love, about pride, about loss and hop, and about the joy of being.

The group is very grateful to the GLCCE for sponsoring this concert, their first in Edmonton. And to be able to return the favour, they hope that the Vocal Minority reorganizes and starts performing again. Rocky Mountain Singers would love to have another member of the GALA family in Alberta. Just think of the concerts they could sing together in Edmonton and Calgary!

Edmonton's Vocal Minority: A Chorus That Won't Shut Up hopes to make an ENCORE appearance at the concert. The Vocal Minority began as a choir of lesbians, gay men and their friends which made music together in Edmonton from 1983 to 1986. It has lived on in our wonderful friendships and memories of concerts. The success of Calgary's Rocky Mountain Singers, and renewed energy in the Edmonton community, has prompted a few former members and new faces to start to reorganize. All women and men are welcome to participate as either singers or organizers. For further information please call evenings to Dave at 454-6914 or Lorna at 423-6987. COME OUT AND SING TOGETHER!

I'm certainly not singing about the Marlboro man when I'm up there.

k.d. lang - 1992

GLCCE

Is proud to sponsor

Rocky Mountain Singers

IN CONCERT

With special guests:

Edmonton Vocal Minority

Saturday, November 28, 1992

8:00 p.m. at Convocation Hall

Dept. of Music, University of Alberta

$10.00 advance $7.00 reduced income/students

$13.00 at door (everyone)

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, November 29, 1992

10:30 a.m. at The Inn on 7th

Orchid Ballroom

10001 - 107 Street

$10.00 per person

Brunch tickets must be purchased by November 27

Tickets available from

AIDS Network	Southside Sound	Boystown Cafe Gallery	The Gay and Lesbian Center of Edmonton (GLCCE)	GLCCE board members
10704 - 108 Street	10362 - 82 Avenue	10116 - 124 Street	9917 - 112 Street	
424 -4767	434 - 7503	488 - 6636	488 -3234	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 1992

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 MCC - 7:30 pm 11250 - 110 Ave.	2 EPLWHIV/AIDS Support Group - AIDS Network 7pm	3	4	5 North. Chaps Bar Night - Boots/Saddles	6 Badminton 7:30 10210-117 St. Oliver School	7 Bowling 5:15pm Lynnwood Bowl
8 MCC - 7:30 pm 11250 - 110 Ave. Integrity Meeting 454-3482	9 EPLWHIV/AIDS Support Group - AIDS Network 7pm	10 EPLWHIV/AIDS Support Group - U of A Hospital Rm 1H1.20 Dignity Edm. Meeting 469-4286	11	12 AIDS Network Drop-in (every Thursday)	13 Badminton	14 Bowling
15 MCC - 7:30 pm 11250 - 110 Ave.	16 EPLWHIV/AIDS Support Group - AIDS Network 7pm	17 EPLWHIV/AIDS Support Group - U of A Dignity Edm. Meeting	18	19 North. Chaps Bar Night - Boots/Saddles Insight Film Festival For info, call the N.F.B. - 495-5453	20 Insight Film Festival Badminton	21 Insight Film Festival Womonspace Dance - 8:30pm Bonnie Doon Bowling
22 MCC - 7:30 pm 11250 - 110 Ave.	23 EPLWHIV/AIDS Support Group	24 EPLWHIV/AIDS Support Group Dignity Mtg. Womyn's Night - NFB Theatre "Drawing Line with Lizzar Jones" - 7 pm	25 "Drawing Line with Lizzar Jones"	26 AIDS Network Drop in	27 Badminton	28 Bowling Rocky Mountain Singers Concert 8:00 pm
29 Rocky Mountain Singers Brunch 10:30 am MCC - 7:30 pm 11250 - 110 Ave.	30 EPLWHIV/AIDS Support Group	CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL PHAIR! Edmonton's First Openly Gay Alderman Thanks to everyone who put so much time into Michael's campaign!				